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Flagler County requests voluntary evacuations for coastal area, manufactured homes

October 5, 2016 – Flagler County officials are requesting the voluntary evacuation of the barrier island, areas near the Intracoastal.

“We are asking people to leave voluntarily today, Wednesday,” County Administrator Craig Coffey said. “This will become mandatory tomorrow. We want everyone to be safe.”

The areas that need to be evacuated are as follows: Evacuation Zone A which is everything east of the Intracoastal including Marineland, Hammock, Flagler Beach along A1A; and, portions of Zone B if you live east of Old Kings Road and front on a tidal (saltwater) canal or the Intracoastal waterway; or if you live in a modular or mobile home in this area. In addition the entire Woodlands, Hidden Lakes and the Toscana subdivisions due to the close proximity to Graham Swamp.

Evacuation Zones are based on the storm surge predictions and wind impact to modular and mobile homes. Evacuation zone information is available at www.flagleremergency.com.

Officials are asking that anyone who lives adjacent to the Intracoastal or one of the connecting canals should also evacuate.

“As the situation evolves and evacuations become mandatory, we will let everyone know how the situation changes to affect you,” said Steve Garten, public safety emergency manager.

Flagler County is asking residents to respect evacuation requests, especially on the barrier island. Once sustained winds reach 45 mph, the bridge close and first responders may not be able to respond to the area.

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